

Reverend Donald Hunter, Pastor

WHEREAS , Reverend Donald Hunter was born and raised in South St. Louis, attended St. Louis public schools, graduated from Western Bible College, and obtained a Master of Divinity Degree from Concordia Lutheran Seminary in St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Hunter's first Pastorate was with the First Baptist Church of Maplewood, and he engaged the congregation in church remodeling and building development to accommodate the tremendous growth in membership; and

WHEREAS, In 1968, during his tenure at First Baptist of Maplewood, Reverend Hunter was inspired to develop the Continuing Education Program for Black Churchmen. This continuing education program was an enlightening experience for all of the pastors and ministers who participated, and provided an incentive for many to further their education and develop their ministries; and

WHEREAS, In 1977, Reverend Hunter joined New Sunny Mount Missionary Baptist Church on the first Sunday of October of that year. Initially 45 members joined, and by December 1977 the congregation had increased by 196 members; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Hunter has led New Sunny Mount Baptist Church to purchase vans for local transport, increase the Chancel Choir, purchase a 320 acre retreat site, build a new sanctuary and church building and has plans for the new Hunter Hall, a fellowship and first-class banquet facility and restaurant.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and congratulate Reverend Donald Hunter for his numerous contributions to the faith community and the City of St. Louis and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 19th day of October, 2007 by:

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen

Adopted this the 19th day of October, 2007 as attested by:

Denise Watson-Wesley Coleman
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen